Opening of Tender for the import of Paraxylene

1544. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Paraxylene is a canalised item;

(b) if so, through which agency it is canalised;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the tender for the import of paraxylene was floated on the 9th February and was valid upto the 12th February, 1990; and

(d) whether it is a normal practice to keep the tender open only on week-end and if not, what are the reasons for opening of this tender on week-end?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Through Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited.

(c) No, Sir. The tender enquiries for import of 4000 MT of paraxylene was transmitted to 21 overseas suppliers on telex between 6th February, 1990, to 9th February, 1990, indicating closing time for receipt of bids as 12th February, 1990, upto 0830 Hrs. Indian Standard time.

(d) With a view to give additional days time to bidders to supply their bid, tenders are kept open on week-end also. This tender however was opened only on Monday, the 12th February, 1990.

Ban on Sale of Drugs

1545. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have banned the sale and distribution of a number of drugs during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the name of such banned drugs along with the names of companies manufacturing these drugs; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in spite of the ban on the use of these drugs, the manufacturers have not re-called stocks already sold to the retailers and if so, what are the reasns therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) During the last one year, Government have banned injections of fixed dose combination of Oestrogen and Progesterone. Some compaines, however, had voluntarily withdrawn these drugs before the ban order.

(b) Menstrogen injection marketed by M|s. Infar (India) Ltd., Calcutta and E.P. Forte injection marketed by M/s. Unichem Laboratories Ltd., Bombay were banned.

(c) No, Sir.

Foreign collaboration for the manufacture of Washing Machines

1546. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of foreign collaboration so far granted for making washing machines in the country;

(b) what is the foreign exchange outgo anticipated in five years; and

(c) what are the details of foreign exchange earnings?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Details are given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) and (c) Foreign exchange outgo and earnings vary from case to case and